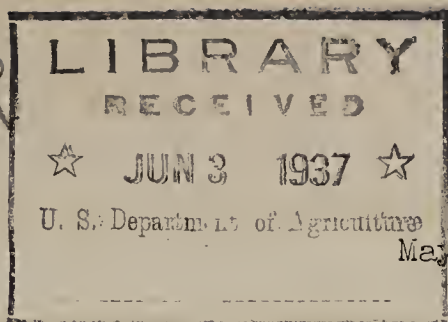


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION

1938 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM
NORTH CENTRAL REGION.

State Instructions Re. NCR-Prelim. 38-1

After the State meetings to be held the week beginning June 1, sufficient copies of NCR-Prelim. 38-1 will be mimeographed to supply each member of county boards of directors, and county planning committees with a copy. Before NCR-Prelim. 38-1 is sent to the counties certain information with respect to the 1936 Program is to be entered in the spaces provided therefor as follows:

State and county percentage figures under item (a) and items (c) to (h), inclusive, on page 3, and State and county acreages on which the various soil-building practices were carried out and the payments made for such practices under the 1936 Program, on page 5, are to be entered in the State office using as a basis statistics compiled on NCR-6, NCR-19, NCR-19a, and Sheet A for the 1937 Program prepared in accordance with NCR-State 101. If tabulations on NCR-19 and NCR-19a have been completed, the actual figures as compiled on these forms should be used. However, if such tabulations are incomplete or are known to be inaccurate, estimates of complete and accurate figures should be used.

On page 3, item (a) will be determined by finding the percentage that the number of NCR-11's, tabulated on NCR-19, is of the number of work sheets tabulated on NCR-6. Item (c) will be the percentage that the number of acres of land in farms, tabulated in column 39 of NCR-19, is of the total acres of land in farms, tabulated in column 4 of NCR-6. Item (d) will be the percentage that the number of acres of cropland, tabulated in column 13 of NCR-19, is of the indicated measured acreage of cropland for all 1936 work sheets, tabulated in column 5 of Sheet A. Item (e) will be the percentage that the sum of the soil-depleting base acreages tabulated in columns 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22 of NCR-19 is of the total State Committee approved base acres tabulated in column 14 of NCR-6. Item (f) will be the difference between 100 percent, and the percentage which the sum of the 1936 acreage of soil-depleting crops, tabulated in column 8 of NCR-19, and the soil-depleting idle cropland for 1936, tabulated in a column of NCR-19 designated as such, is of the total base acreage for participating farms, tabulated in columns 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22 of NCR-19. Item (g) will be the percentage that the soil-building payments tabulated in column 24 of NCR-19a are of the soil-building allowance for applicants tabulated in column 22 of NCR-19a. Item (h) will be the percentage that the soil-building payments tabulated in column 24 of NCR-19a

are of the gross payments for applicants tabulated in column 26 of NCR-19a.

The acreages on which the various soil-building practices were carried out under the 1936 Program, to be entered on page 5 for the State and county, will be taken from the appropriate columns of NCR-19. The payments made for each practice may be computed by multiplying the acreage for such practice by the appropriate rate of payment as set forth in NCR-B-2, Revised. In the case of the terracing practice, it will be necessary to estimate the average number of feet terraced per acre (not in excess of 500 feet) in order to arrive at the rate of payment per acre, since the rate of payment set forth in NCR-B-2, Revised, is on the basis of \$0.40 per hundred feet, not in excess of \$2.00 per acre. Payments calculated in this manner should in general prove satisfactory for the purpose of making comparisons in the payments for the various practices within a county, State, or the Region. However, it should be recognized that the total of payments so calculated is in excess of the soil-building payments actually earned since individual participating farms did not, in all instances, have soil-building allowances of sufficient magnitude to enable them to earn full payment for the practices carried out.

Preparation of the Report.

State leaders should prepare a State summary, on the same form as that used in the county, of the reports submitted by all counties using supplementary maps and other materials as indicated below.

INDICATED PARTICIPATION IN 1937:--Summarize the data entered by the counties under subsection (b) on page 3 by entering on a county outline map of the State the percentage participation in 1937 indicated for the respective counties.

I. PRACTICE PAYMENTS:--Make a frequency distribution of the percentage figures shown by the several counties under Section A. Enter after each item in the respective spaces under Sections B and C the number of counties in which a majority favor "Yes" and the number of counties in which a majority favor "No". Prepare a separate list of the practices proposed under subsection (3) of Section C, indicating which are recommended for the State and which are not.

II. BASES:--Enter after each item in the respective spaces the number of counties in which a plurality considers the several proposals under subsections (1) to (4), inclusive, as major, secondary, and minor. Prepare a separate list of the factors described under (4).

III. DIVERSION AND NONDIVERSION FARMS:--Enter after each item in the respective spaces the number of counties in which a majority favor "Yes" and the number of counties in which a majority favor "No." Prepare a separate list of the proposals made under (4).

IV. SUBMARGINAL AREAS:--Enter in each of the respective spaces the number of counties in which a majority favor "Yes" and the number of counties in which a majority favor "No."

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS:--Enter in each of the respective spaces under Sections A, B, and C the number of counties in which a majority favor "Yes" and the number of counties in which a majority favor "No." Make frequency distributions of the percentage payment to the landlord shown under (1), (b), and under (2), (b), for the various counties.

Prepare a separate list of proposals described under subsections (1), (c) and (2), (d). Prepare a separate list of answers and suggestions made under Section C and indicate the ones which are recommended for the State and the ones which are not. Also prepare a list of the significant reasons given by farmers who do not intend to participate in the 1937 Program as reported by the counties in Section D, and list the points in the 1937 Program most difficult for the farmers to understand as reported in Section E.

Transmit such State summary, together with any additional comments or suggestions that are considered desirable, to the North Central Division, accompanied by a letter of transmittal signed by the chairman of the State Agricultural Conservation Committee and by the State leader of the county planning project.

